

Meeting Notes

Project 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services Drafting Team

January 16, 2025 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

WebEx

Review NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

Jason Snider, NERC staff, called attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the public meeting notice.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A team roll call was taken and quorum was determined. The member attendance sheet is attached as attachment 1.

Opening Remarks

M. Hyatt, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that today's call would focus on developing a plan for drafting standards now that the revised SAR has been approved by the Standards Committee.

Revised SAR

M. Hyatt led the group through a review of the [revised SAR](#), which was approved by the Standards Committee during their December meeting. L. Folkerth shared a potential path the group could consider, with key takeaways being:

- Consider the context of services and responsibilities
- Security IN vs OF the cloud
 - OF the cloud is the physical security of the CSP data center and managing assets from the hypervisor down
 - IN the cloud is the configuration from the OS up that the customer would have more control over
- Start with objectives, then draft prescriptive requirements only if necessary
 - Account for auditability and measuring
 - Prescriptive standards have been a cause for repeated standard revisions to keep adapting standards to evolving technology
 - Care how a difference between similar standards (cloud and non-cloud) of incentivizing/penalizing an approach over another

T. Bynum shared that the NERC Security Working Group was updating a security guideline called Cloud Solutions and Encrypting BCSI. M. Hyatt noted that the drafting team should follow the SWG's work and harmonize as much as possible. D. Dunn suggested the group review current CIP standards' purpose statements, and consider how that purpose may be achieved in the cloud.

Action items

- Drafting Team to consider issues and challenges going forward and be prepared to discuss during next teleconference.
- J. Snider to send meeting invites for February meetings.

Attachment 1

Name	Entity	1/16/25
Christopher Anderley	Great River Energy	Y
Jay Cribb	Southern Company Services	Y
Jeff Sykes	Utility Services of Vermont	N
Jeremy Lyon	Evergy	Y
John Dirks	Salt River Project	Y
Joseph Mosher	EDF Renewables	N
Lew Folkerth	RF	Y
Lindsey Hale	Amazon Web Services	N
Matt Hyatt	Georgia System Operations Corporation	Y
David Dunn	ddEnerCIP	Y
Stephane Pellerin	Hydro-Quebec	Y
Thad Ness	Florida Power & Light (NextEra Energy)	Y
William Vesely	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	Y